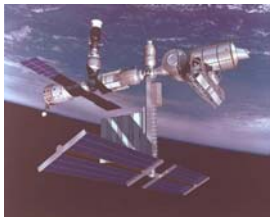


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Expedition 9 crew begins six months of research aboard ISS

Astronaut Hall of Fame inducts five space pioneers May 1



▲ **ISS Update:** The Expedition 9 rendezvoused and docked with the International Space Station at 1:01 a.m. EDT Wednesday. Hatches opened and the three spacefarers – Commander Gennady Padalka, NASA Science

Officer and Flight Engineer Mike Fincke, and visiting researcher European Space Agency Astronaut Andre Kuipers of the Netherlands – entered the ISS at 2 a.m. that morning, beginning more than a week of joint operations with Expedition 8. Kuipers will spend 9 days at the complex conducting science experiments before returning to Earth with Expedition 8.

▲ **Honoring space heroes:** Space heroes will gather for the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame's 2004 Induction Ceremony at 2 p.m. May 1. Inductees are Kathryn D. Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; Richard D. Covey, commander of the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission; Frederick D. Gregory, the first African-American to command a spaceship; Norman E. Thagard, the first American to occupy Russia's Mir space station; and the late Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, commander of the ill-fated 1986 Challenger mission, who will be represented by his wife, June Scobee. Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell will host and more than 20 Hall of Fame astronauts will attend, including John Glenn, Bob Crippen, Fred Haise, Gene Cernan and John Young. The Induction Ceremony is included as a part of admission to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Induction Weekend tickets are \$65 plus tax for adults and \$45 plus tax for children and are available online at <http://www.KennedySpaceCenter.com> or by calling 449-4444. Please call this number to reserve seats.

◆ **University of Florida OEM Program** — The Outreach Engineering Management Program (OEM) at the University of Florida is an engineering management master's degree program featuring live instruction in a convenient format designed for working professionals. The degree program is a collaboration of the Colleges of Engineering and Business, and awards a master's degree in engineering after 20 months of study. The next program begins in August 2004 and will be held in Cape Canaveral. Classes meet only one weekend per month (Saturday and Sunday). A newly instituted concurrent degree option makes also getting an MBA degree possible with only 12 more months of course work. Public information sessions are being held in West Palm Beach May 24, in Melbourne May 25, in Cape Canaveral May 26 and in Orlando May 27. All sessions are from 5:30 to 8 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Complete details are available on the OEM Web site <http://www.ise.ufl.edu/oemp> or by contacting the OEM program office (800-321-0199 or e-mail engrman@ise.ufl.edu).

◆ **NASA Parkway construction** — Beginning May 3, V.A. Paving will start paving the westbound lanes of NASA Parkway. The work will begin at the entrance of the Visitor Complex (VC). The roadway will have a reduced speed limit. Please obey the posted speed while the work is ongoing. The work period will be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5 days per week. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Lorence at 867-9293 or James.P.Lorence@nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know?** The KSC Fitness Centers present another session in the "Changing Weighs" Nutrition Lecture Series! On **May 12**, *Dangers of Fad Diets* is the topic. The session is 11 a.m. to noon in the O&C Mission Briefing Room (MBR). The backup room is O&C/Room 1055.